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Foster a Love of Reading

Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library has partnered with Family & Children's Services to provide free books for foster children in Kalamazoo County.

We need your help!

Visit the Friend's Bookstore at Central Library, buy a book for a child up to age 18 (most books are 50 cents to \$1), and leave it in the donation bin at check-out. Books will be distributed to children in need by Family and Children's Services. Thank you for your support!



MEET THE AUTHOR

Christina Baker Kline

Monday, March 7, 7 pm

Kalamazoo Central H.S. Auditorium, 2432 N. Drake Rd.

Christina Baker Kline is the author of five novels, including the #1 *New York Times* bestseller, *Orphan Train*. Her previous novels include *Bird in Hand*, *The Way Life Should Be*, *Desire Lines* and *Sweet Water*.

In addition to her five novels, Kline has written and edited five nonfiction books, as well as a collection of original essays. She has also served as co-author with her mother on a collection of stories on feminist mothers and daughters. Her essays, articles, and reviews have appeared in *The New York Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Money*, *More*, and *Psychology Today*, among other places.

She is a recipient of several Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Fellowships and Writer-in-Residence Fellowships at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. She supports a number of libraries and other associations in New Jersey and Maine, and is a member of the Advisory Board for Roots & Wings, a nonprofit that provides support for at-risk adolescent and aged-out foster care youth.

Kline lives in Montclair, New Jersey, with her husband and three sons. She is currently working on a novel based on the iconic painting *Christina's World*, by Andrew Wyeth.

Michigan News Agency will sell copies of *Orphan Train* at the event.

KIDS

T Bubbleman, *Family*

April 4, 2 pm and 3 pm, OSH

R Movie Matinee:

Winnie the Pooh, *Family*

April 4, 2 pm, CEN

LEGO at the Library, *Family*

April 4, 2 pm, POW

April 7, 2 pm, EAS

Toddler Storytime, *Ages 2-3*

April 5, 10:30 am, CEN

Art Exploration: Romare Bearden, *Ages 6-11*

April 5, 1 pm, CEN

R Let's Make a Stink About Skunks!, *Family*

April 5, 2 pm, EAS

T Avian Wonders, *Family*

April 5, 2 pm, WSQ

Carnival Extravaganza, *Family*

April 5, 5:30 pm, POW

R Miss Lisa: Stories and Dance, *Ages 3-8*

April 6, 10:30 am, CEN

April 7, 10:30 am, EAS

April 8, 10:30 am, WSQ

April 8, 2 pm, OSH

Toddler Talk, *Ages 1-3*

April 6, 10:15 am, OSH

Baby Talk, *Up to Age 1 Year*

April 6, 1:30 pm, OSH

Get Groovy with Miss Lisa, *Ages 6-11*

April 6, 2 pm, POW

R Reading with Tucker, *Family*

April 7, 4 pm, OSH

Family Storytime, *Family*

April 7, 10:30 am, OSH

April 8, 10:30 am, CEN

Around the World in 60 Minutes, *Ages 6-11*

April 8, 2 pm, CEN

TEEN

Poem Tree Display, *Gr 5-12*

April 1-30, CEN

Game Central featuring SmashKart Tournament, *Gr 5-12*

April 6, 2 pm, CEN

Manga Workshop, *Gr 5-12*

April 7, 3:30 pm, EAS

Comic Book Crafts, *Gr 5-12*

April 7, 2-4 pm, OSH

Spring Break@KPL

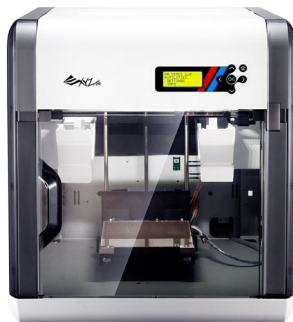
April 4-8

Full descriptions can be found in Kids and Tween/Teen



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3D Printing @KPL

KPL is proud to offer our community access to the latest and emerging technologies. Explore printing 3-dimensional objects in plastic with our new 3D printer, a Da Vinci 2.0 Duo!

The 3D printer is located in The Hub, KPL's digital lab on the 3rd floor of Central Library. Bring your design and/or image to The Hub during open Hub hours and a trained KPL staff member will assist you.

Printing is limited to no longer than 2 hours per project. For rules, design ideas and registration requirements, please visit kpl.gov/hub.

Note: Effective March 1, New EAS & WSQ Hours!

Eastwood

Mon 1-8; Tue 1-6
Wed 1-6; Thurs 10-6
Fri 10-5; Sat 9-12
Sun Closed

Washington Square

Mon & Tue 1-6
Wed 1-8; Thu 10-6
Fri 10-5; Sat 9-12
Sun Closed

BOOKS

Pop-Up Booktalks

Fridays, March 18, April 15,
May 13, 12:30 pm, CEN

Let's talk books! Pop into the Central Library during your lunch hour to share your latest favorites in a casual conversation around the 1st floor Rotunda. Hear from KPL librarians about upcoming titles. Leave with a great reading list and some ideas about how to find the books you'll love.

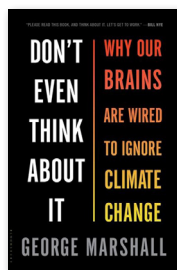
R Powell Book Discussion Group

Tuesdays, March 29, April 12,
May 31, 6 pm, POW

Join the Powell Book Discussion Group as we share our insights and reviews on works by various authors. Books being discussed this spring include *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander, *The Meanest of Them All* by Tiffani Murphy, and *Hell on Wheels: My Sister's Keeper* by Brittani Williams. Books can be picked up at the Powell Branch. Please register.

Community Discussion on Climate Change

Thurs, March 31, 6-8:30 pm, CEN



All are welcome to join a community discussion facilitated by WMU faculty and students, on one of the most influential, recent books on climate change, George Marshall's *Don't Even Think About It: Why Our Brains Are Wired to Ignore Climate Change*. Discussion will explore the social causes and responses to climate change and provide an opportunity to learn about and connect with Kalamazoo climate leaders and initiatives. Light fare included.

CEN (Central Library) 553-7800
EAS (Eastwood)..... 553-7810
OSH (Oshtemo) 553-7980
POW (Alma Powell) 553-7960
WSQ (Washington Square) .. 553-7970

Local Literary Luminaries @KPL

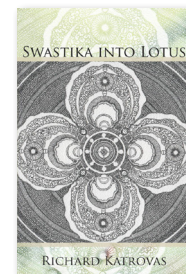
Hauling the Soul of Music Into Writing: a Conversation with Bonnie Jo Campbell, Jaimy Gordon, and Andy Mozina

Thurs, May 26, 7pm, CEN

Local literary luminaries Bonnie Jo Campbell, Jaimy Gordon, and Andy Mozina will discuss a range of writerly subjects, including music as model and inspiration for fiction writers, the process of writing novels, revision, and Andy's new novel about a symphony harpist, *Contrary Motion*. Book sale by Michigan News Agency and signing will follow the discussion.

A Poetry Choral Performance with Richard Katrovas

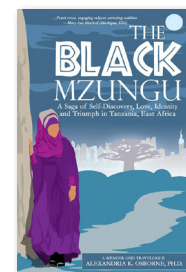
Thurs, April 28, 7pm, CEN



Celebrate the publication of Richard Katrovas' latest collection, *Swastika into Lotus*. Twelve readers will perform his "dithyrambs," choral lyrics that tell original stories. Dithyrambs were precursors of ancient Greek tragedy. Katrovas has reimagined the form for our postmodern time.

The Black Mzungu

Mon, May 23, 6 pm, EAS



The Black Mzungu is the memoir of a Kalamazoo woman's experience as she learns to adapt to life in the bush of East Africa. The author, Dr. Alexandria Osborne, will discuss her impressions of the people, land, and the country that she learned to call home. As she triumphs over natural and man-made obstacles, she finds a way to give back.

HISTORY & GENEALOGY

Genealogy Week at the Library – Personal Genealogy Consultation

April 11-15

Need a leg up on your family tree? Sign up for an hour of one-on-one research guidance with an experienced local history room staff member. Spots are limited. Call 269-553-7808 for an appointment.

Researching Your House History

Thurs, May 12,
7 pm, CEN

Have you always wanted to know more about your house or that great old building down the street? Learn resources and research techniques that will help you answer questions about the origin, style, past owners, and events associated with a building.



LEGAL

Free Tax Prep

Tues, March 8, 1-6 pm, EAS
Thurs, March 10, 11 am-3 pm, CEN
Thurs, April 7, 11 am-3 pm, CEN

Free tax preparation for those with household income under \$54,000 in 2015, prepared by IRS-certified VITA tax volunteers. By appointment only. Dial 211 to make appointment and for more info.

Ask a Lawyer

Call the Law Library, 553-7920
for appointment information

Free legal clinics for person of low-to-moderate income with Bar Association lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, divorce, and family law.

For a free 20-minute appointment, call: 553-7920. You may make only one appointment per four months. Clinics do not include follow-up. Further consultation must be negotiated with an individual attorney.

MUSIC

GLAMA Acoustic Slow Jam

Tuesdays, March 8 & April 12,
7 pm, CEN

We invite you to join the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association for a fun jam based on simple chord progressions and slow to medium tempo tunes. All acoustic stringed instruments welcome! Basic jamming tips are included.

GLAMA Community Sing

Tuesdays, March 15 & May 17,
7 pm, CEN

Come and sing along with folksinger and songwriter Patricia Pettinga, and her GLAMA Community Sing co-hosts. Lyric sheets are provided.

Mas Que Nada

Wed, April 20, 7 pm, CEN

Mas Que Nada is WMU's award winning Latin Jazz ensemble. Mas Que Nada represents a decade-long project created by its director, Tom Knific, to celebrate and perform the music of Brazil and the Caribbean.



R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.



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TECHBar

Mondays, March 14,
April 11, May 9, 2 pm, OSH
Wednesdays, March 30
& May 25, 6 pm, WSQ

Need help understanding your tablet, smartphone or laptop? Having trouble trying to use social media or office programs? Interested in KPL's eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming video, digital magazines, or downloadable music services? Talk to our knowledgeable staff about these tech-related issues and more.

Citizen CPR – Curso Rápido de RCP

Miércoles, 16 de marzo,
6 pm, WSQ (en español)
Wed, March 23, 6 pm, WSQ (in English)



El Curso Rápido de RCP es una clase de 30-minutos en la que se capacita a las personas en la administración de la técnica de RCP sin requerir ningún tipo de respiración boca a boca. Esta nueva técnica usa exclusivamente las manos. Con la enseñanza de este tipo de RCP, Hands Only, ayudamos a crear una comunidad más segura para todos.

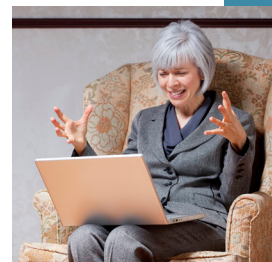
Citizen CPR is a hands-only, lifesaving 30-minute CPR technique. With the hands-only CPR Technique, no mouth-to-mouth contact is involved. Learning this new technique provides a high energy activity that helps make everyone in your community safer.

Exquisite Hair Showcase

Tues, April 26, 6 pm, POW

Dynamic duo Stephen and Keneisha Darden, local owners of the Exquisite Hair Designs Salon, with over twenty years of experience, will display some of the latest trends and tips for fabulous hair.

Everything you
need to know is
@kpl.gov



Partnership

Kalamazoo Public Library leads Reading Together with the help of many visionary partners. We draw on a diverse cross-section of individuals and organizations to create a series of programs that highlight important and relevant themes of the selected book.

Our partners craft opportunities to connect with the book and its themes. A variety of talented experts freely share personal history, skills, and other resources so that friends, families, and other community members may share the experience and benefits of reading and discussing the same book.

Sponsors

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Ladies' Library Association

Michigan News Agency

Portage District Library

SHARE (Society for History and Racial Equity)

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2016 Reading Together



One Book, One Community

The purpose of Reading Together is to build a stronger community with deeper connections through the common experience of reading the same book and exploring its themes together. When we do that, we engage and learn, not only about ourselves, but more importantly about each other and the world around us. Learn more at readingtogether.us.

About Orphan Train

Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the east coast to the farmlands of the midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by luck or chance. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family, or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude?

Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, *Orphan Train* is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendship.

Meet the Author: Christina Baker Kline
Monday, March 7, 7 pm

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EVENTS

All events are **FREE & OPEN** to the public.

More information can be found at readingtogether.us.

Orphan Trains in Michigan

Thurs, March 10, 7 pm, CEN

Presenters: Al and David Eicher

Al and David Eicher present a video documentary about the orphan train riders in Michigan.

Grown Up Show & Tell

Sat, March 12, 1 pm, Portage District Library, 300 Library Ln

Presenter: Denise McCaffrey

Bring in a family memento or other personal artifact and tell a short story about it.

What Defines Family?

Tues, March 15, 7 pm, EAS

KPL will present a documentary featuring the stories of local residents with dynamic families.

The History of Families

Thurs, March 17, 7 pm, CEN

Presenter: Andrea Smith, PhD, WMU

Explore how the dynamics of "family" has changed over the years.

Writing from the Threshold: A Workshop in Generating Memoir

Sat, March 19, 1 pm, OSH or

Sat, April 2, 1 pm, CEN

Presenter: Gail Griffin

Learn how to write your own memoir. No experience is necessary. Registration is required.

Foster Care Part I: Systems

Mon, March 21, 7 pm, CEN

Presenter: SWM Partners Group

Explore the realities of the foster care system in Kalamazoo today in this panel discussion.

Foster Care Part II: Stories

Thurs, March 24, 7 pm, CEN

Hear personal stories from individuals and families about being in the foster care system.

Family Celebration

Tues, March 29, 4:30 pm, WSQ

Celebrate family by creating an art project and get a free family photo taken by a professional photographer.

Preserving Your Family History

Tues, March 29, 7 pm, Ladies' Library Assoc., 333 S. Park St.

Presenters: Donna Odom of SHARE and WMUK

This presentation will highlight the importance of doing oral histories, including suggestions and examples of how to proceed.

The Resilience Project

Wed, March 30, 7 pm, Friendship Village, 1400 N. Drake Rd

Learn about this collaboration between The Kalamazoo Promise, Seita Scholars Program, and Friendship Village.

Support local foster children by donating a book!

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Tween & Teen events

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MEET THE AUTHOR:

Jason Reynolds, Family

Wed, April 13, 6:30 pm, CEN



Meet Jason Reynolds, one of the winners of the inaugural Walter Dean Myers Award for Outstanding

Children's Literature. Reynolds will speak about his life experiences and what inspires him as a writer. Doors will open at 6 pm. Books for sale by Bookbug. Don't miss this opportunity to hear who NBC news calls "one of the most promising of Young Adult novelists in the market today."

National Poetry Month

Poem Tree Display, Gr 5-12

April 1-30, CEN, Teen Area

Stop by our "Poe-Tree" display and take home a poem. Add one of your own and share it with the world. Enter for your chance to win a magnetic poetry set for your locker. Double-entries on "Poem in Your Pocket" day (April 21). Poems will be on display all month.

Found Poetry, Gr 5-12

Tues, April 19, 4-5:30 pm, EAS

Drop in and make a beautiful poem with cut-out words from magazines.

BOOKS

Pizza & Pages: WNDB Edition



Celebrate diversity in youth literature with a discussion of the winning titles for the first annual Walter Award from the We Need Diverse Books campaign. Get a copy of the book to keep. Bring it back and discuss over pizza! Books available while supplies last.

The Walter Award is given to a diverse author whose work features a diverse main character or addresses diversity in a meaningful way. The award is named for prolific children's and young adult author Walter Dean Myers (1937-2014). Myers was a National Ambassador of Young People's Literature, who visited KPL in 2012, as well as a champion of diversity in youth literature.

✦ **R All American Boys** Gr 7 & up

Mon, March 28, 4:30 pm, POW

When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend. Told through Rashad and Quinn's alternating viewpoints.

✦ **R Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir, Gr 7 & up**

Mon, May 16, 4:30 pm, EAS

In this poetic memoir, which won the Pura Belpré Author Award, acclaimed author Margarita Engle tells of growing up as a child of two cultures, Cuba and the U.S., during the Cold War.

✦ **R X: A Novel, Gr 7 & up** Thurs, May 26, 4:30 pm, CEN

Co-written by Malcolm X's daughter, this riveting and revealing novel follows the formative years of the man whose words and actions shook the world.

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at **kpl.gov** starting 30 days before event.



Are you Divergent?



March brings the release of *Allegiant*, the latest movie in the Divergent series. Teens attending any Divergent-themed activity in March will be entered to win a 4 pack of movie passes to Alamo Drafthouse or Kalamazoo 10. Take your family or friends or keep them all for yourself!

✦ **Movie: Divergent, Gr 7-12**

Mon, March 7, 3:30 pm,

CEN, Teen Area

Drop in and watch the first movie of the series in the Teen Area.

✦ **Movie: Insurgent, Gr 7-12**

Mon, March 14, 3:30 pm,

CEN, Teen Area

Drop in and watch the second movie of the series in the Teen Area.

✦ **Allegiant Party, Gr 5-12**

Tues, March 15, 6:30 pm, OSH

Sat, March 26, 2 pm, CEN

Celebrate the *Divergent* series with us! Trivia, snacks, faction crafts, and prize drawings!

✦ **R Pizza & Pages, Gr 7-12**

Thurs, March 17, 4:30 pm, CEN

Stop by the Teen Area and pick up your personal keeper copy of *Allegiant* by Veronica Roth. Take it home to read, then come back and discuss it over pizza and create faction bracelets!

R Pizza & Pages, Gr 6-12

Wed, March 16, 4:30 pm, OSH

Stop by Oshtemo and pick up your personal copy of the 2016 Reading Together title *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. Take it home to read, then come back and discuss it over pizza!

Hidden Oracle Party, Gr 7-12

Wed, May 11, 5:30-6:30 pm, WSQ

Celebrate the EPIC new series from Rick Riordan, *The Trials of Apollo*. Snacks, games, and chances to win copies of the new book, *The Hidden Oracle*!

Tween & Teen events

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GEEK OUT!

J-Pop Club, Gr 7-12

Mon, March 21, April 18,
& May 16, 4 pm, CEN

Enjoy the latest and coolest stuff straight from Japan. Talk about your favorite anime and manga, show off your cosplay skills, and learn all sorts of amazing info about Japanese culture! Vote for your favorite anime series, and tell us what to get next. If you love Japanese pop culture, then you'll love this casual club. Stop in any time during the event.

Comic Book Crafts, Gr 5-12

Thurs, April 7, 2-4 pm, OSH

Mon, April 18, 4-5 pm, CEN,
Teen Area

Wed, April 20, 6:30-7:30 pm, WSQ

Drop in and make a set of comic book bubble glass magnets for your locker or fridge or a gift for someone else.

May the 4th Be With You, Gr 5-12

Wed, May 4, 4:30-5:30 pm, OSH &
POW & 6-7 pm, CEN, Teen Area

Celebrate the force with drop-in *Star Wars* themed crafts and activities.

FREE Comic Book Day, Gr 5-12

Sat, May 7, CEN, Teen Area

Drop in and grab some comic books for free on FREE Comic Book Day. While supplies last.

MAKER

Maker Monday, Gr 5-12

Mon, March 28, April 25, & May 23,
4-5 pm, CEN, Teen Area

Tinker, make, try, create and explore at the library. Each month will feature different ideas and materials. Focus on the process (not the product) and learn that all of us are makers!

Manga Workshop, Gr 5-12

Thurs, April 7, 3:30 pm, EAS

Sat, April 9, 2 pm, CEN,

Van Deusen Room

Are you a fan of Japanese comics? Ever wondered how to make your own? Join professional manga artist Tatsuhiko Watanabe for an inside look at how manga is made! Tatsuhiko will demonstrate the difference between drawing manga by hand and digital drawing, and also give artists drawing tips and tricks.

Earth Day Crafternoon

Gr 5-12

Fri, April 22, 3:30-5:30 pm, CEN,
Teen Area

Repurpose, reuse, and DIY some brilliant gifts or items for yourself.



Zentangle, Gr 5-12

Mon, May 2, 4:30 pm, POW

Explore the non-intimidating, creative possibilities of Zentangle. Create beautiful patterns that can be used as images, backgrounds for other works of art, patterned surfaces for three-dimensional works of art or a creative and stress-releasing outlet. Carrie Dunn, a certified Zentangle instructor, will artfully guide you through the endless possibilities of patterns to create compositions and design. All materials are provided.

Mother's Day Gift Making, Gr 5-12

Thurs, May 5, 3:30-5:30 pm,
CEN, Teen Area

Honor Mom or someone you love with a scrabble tile pendant necklace and other crafts. Or make one for yourself.

Draw Cool Stuff with Paul Sizer, Gr 5-12

Thurs, May 26, 4:30 pm, EAS

Comic creator Paul Sizer will show you how to draw monsters, robots, superheroes and whatever else you want to draw, live, right in front of you! Come ready to ask questions and draw along.

GAMING

Game Central featuring SmashKart Tournament, Gr 5-12

Wed, April 6, 2 pm, CEN, Teen Area

Get your Game on! From the newest favorites to old classics, it's an afternoon of strategy, skill, and fun. Choose from one of our many board, card, or video games, or bring one of your own! Sign up to play in a no-holds-barred Super Smash Bros. tournament, or race your friends in Mario Kart 8, with prizes for top competitors!

Chromebook Gaming, Gr 5-12

Tues, May 17, 4:30 pm, POW

Drop in after school for open gaming on the library's Chromebooks.

Tabletop Throwdown, Gr 5-12

Sat, May 21, 1-3 pm, CEN, Teen Area

Drop in for tabletop games in the Teen Area. Cards, chess, and board games provided.

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EAS (Eastwood) 553-7810

OSH (Oshtemo) 553-7980

POW (Alma Powell) 553-7960

WSQ (Washington Square) ... 553-7970

TECH

Code Camp, Gr 5-12

Thurs, May 19, 4-5 pm, EAS

Programming, scripting, coding and learning how to solve problems are some of the most essential skills of the digital age. Let's bring these skills to your fingertips by writing code using KPL's Chromebooks! Together we will work to demystify coding with fun, youth-centric, innovative, and quick lessons that bring the power to code to all of us. All materials provided.

Teen Tech Week

Teen Tech Week is March 6-12, a weeklong celebration of Teens, Libraries, and Technology

Raspberry Pi Hands-On Demo, Gr 5-12

Wed, March 9, 4 pm, CEN

Come check out the amazingly powerful but super-tiny and super-cheap Raspberry Pi computer- it's only the size of your library card and costs about as much as a pizza...but it's a full-featured PC that can do all sorts of projects. If you already have a Pi, feel free to bring it and show us what projects you're working on!

Brush Bots, Gr 5-12

Thurs, March 10, 4:30-5:30pm, OSH

Connect the circuit and make a tiny robot move! All supplies provided.

Stop Motion Animation, Gr 5-12

Fri, March 11, 2-4 pm, CEN

Drop in and use the library's film production and editing equipment to create a stop motion video.

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#tab, Gr 6-12

Mondays, March 14, April 11,
May 9, 4 pm, CEN, Teen Area

Attention Teens! Are you looking for ways to give back to your library and your community while having fun at the same time? Join the new, improved Teen Advisory Board (#tab) and volunteer for library programs, help with events, contribute to library social media, and more! #tab members also get special perks, rewards, and opportunities! Want to know more? Join #tab today!

Family Celebration

Tues, March 29, 4:30-5:30 pm, WSQ

2016's Reading Together title celebrates the meaning of "family", the ones we're born with and the ones we choose for ourselves. Let's celebrate family together. Create an art project and take a FREE family photo with a professional photographer.

® Magic in May, Gr 5-12

Sat, May 28, 2:30 pm, CEN

Calling all young, budding magicians! Attend this FREE Magic Workshop and learn some astonishing tricks, stunts and illusions to amaze your friends. Presented by Michigan magician, Jeff Wawrzaszek. All materials will be provided. Registration required.

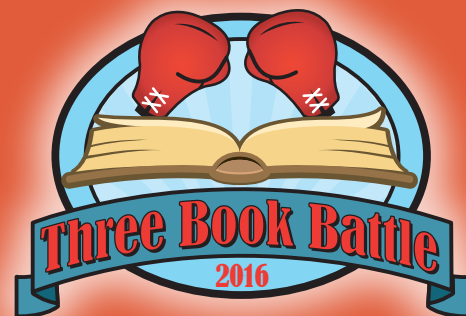
Teen Volunteer Squad



Are you interested in making Kalamazoo a better place? Do you love the library? Do you need volunteer hours for school or another organization?

Applications available at
www.kpl.gov/teens.

Volunteer opportunities starting May 2016.



Three Book Battle, Gr 6-8

Sat, May 7, CEN

Attention all area middle school students! It's time for the 3rd Annual Three Book Battle at Kalamazoo Public Library.

Teams of three compete in three rounds of questions from three books to become the battle Champion!

Don't delay, grab three friends and register today!

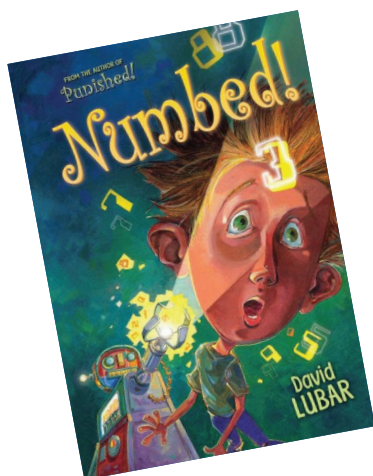
Here's the fine print:

- Teams of three
- 6-8th grade only
- Name your team, register online at www.kpl.gov/three-book-battle or call **553-7807** (you will need one contact email and team name when you register).
- Three books have been carefully selected by Teen Services staff. Each team may pick up one set of books to share.
- Team sets are available for pick up in the Teen Area at Central Library and the Children's Desk at Oshtemo Library from now until April 20.
- Teams must register three participants with a valid team name and contact information to obtain the free set of teen battle books.
- All Battles (preliminary rounds and final battle) will take place on Saturday, May 7 at Central Library.
- Preliminary round times will be assigned after registration closes and posted online with team names at www.kpl.gov/tbb.

events Kids

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BOOK NOOK

Bookworms, Ages 6-11

Tuesdays, March 8, April 12,

May 10, 4:30 pm, OSH

Thursdays, March 24, April 28,

May 26, 4:30 pm, CEN

A book club for kids and their grown ups. In March, we'll read *Numbed!* by David Lubar. In April, we'll read *Maximilian & the Mystery of the Guardian Angel: a Bilingual Lucha Libre Thriller* by Xavier Garza. In May, bring your summer reading recommendations to share with the group.

M Maker Program

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

T Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

MUSIC & THEATRE

R Stuart Little, Ages 5-7

Saturdays, March 5 & March 12,
1 pm, CEN

March 19, 1 pm, Civic Auditorium

Learn about acting, expressive movement in storytelling, and how to create a good character. Based on the adventures of Stuart Little. **Plan to attend all three sessions to participate.** Series co-sponsored by the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre. Registration required.

Crybaby Concert with Fontana Chamber Arts, Birth-5 Sat, March 12, 11 am, OSH

Crybaby Concert is a FREE 45-minute mini-concert that gives preschool children and their caregivers a performance of music in an open and flexible environment – even if your little ones feel like crying! Room to move and stroller parking. Snacks provided, siblings welcome.

Musical Storytime, Family Mondays, March 14, April 11, May 9, 6:30 pm, OSH March 28, April 25, May 23, 6:30 pm, CEN

Favorite songs, stories and special guests.



CEN (Central Library)553-7800

EAS (Eastwood)553-7810

OSH (Oshtemo)553-7980

POW (Alma Powell).....553-7960

WSQ (Washington Square) ...553-7970

Gilmore Family Concerts Presents Terrence Wilson, Family Sat, March 19, 11 am, CEN, Van Deusen Room

Terrence Wilson gives local audiences a taste of Kalamazoo's upcoming Gilmore International Keyboard Festival. Experience a 50-minute concert of world class piano music accompanied by engaging visuals. Admission is always free, and the entire family is invited.

R Musical Storybooks: *The Perfect Purple Feather*, Ages 3-6

Tues, March 22, 9:30 am

& 10:30 am, CEN

Wed, March 23, 9:30 am

& 10:30 am, CEN

Thurs, March 24, 10:30 am, OSH

Musical Storybooks features a story, craft, and music by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's string quartet based on the book *The Perfect Purple Feather* by Hanoch Piven. Registration required. Groups and individuals can register online or, for more information, please call 553-7804.



R Peter and the Wolf with the KSO Woodwind Quintet, Family

Sat, May 21, 10:30 am and Noon, CEN

A well-loved family classic, *Peter and the Wolf*, written and composed by Sergei Prokofiev, comes to life as it is performed by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's Woodwind Quintet. Enjoy an Instrument Petting Zoo, meet the musicians, and create a craft based on the story all before the performance! Fun for the whole family! Siblings welcome. This concert is part of the KSO Family Fun Chamber Series. Registration required.

STEM

LEGO at the Library, Family

Saturdays, March 5, April 2, May 7,
10:30 am, OSH

Wednesdays, March 9, April 13,
May 18, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Thursdays, March 10 & May 12, 4:30, EAS

Saturdays, March 19, April 16, May 21,
10:30 am, CEN

Mondays, March 21 & May 9,
4:30 pm, POW

Mon, April 4, 2 pm, POW 
Thurs, April 7, 2 pm, EAS

Build, create, and imagine with other
LEGO fans. Bricks provided, from Duplo
to expert builder.

Catch the Wind, Ages 6-12

Mon, March 7, 4:30 pm, POW

Thurs, March 31, 4:30 pm, EAS

Come and learn about wind science
with fun experiments, stories, activities,
and a snack.

M Maker Mondays, Ages 6-11

Mondays, March 14, April 11, May 9,
4 pm, CEN

Drop in for tinkering, creating and
exploration. Different materials, tools,
and projects each time. Focus on the
process, not the product. Topics posted
at **kpl.gov**.

R Little Scientists, Ages 3-6

Mondays, March 28, April 25,
May 23, 10:30 am, CEN

Stories and science for preschoolers and
a caregiver. Registration required. Topics
posted on **kpl.gov**.



MOVE!

R Miss Lisa: Stories and Dance, Ages 3-8

Wed, April 6, 10:30 am, CEN

Thurs, April 7, 10:30 am, EAS

Fri, April 8, 10:30 am, WSQ & 2 pm, OSH

Movement and stories for kids! Wear com-
fortable clothing. Registration required.

Get Groovy with Miss Lisa, Ages 6-11

Wed, April 6, 2 pm, POW

Come and get groovy with Miss Lisa as
she teaches you hip hop and jazz dance
moves. Children will learn warm up
exercises, spins, jumping moves and a fun
hip hop routine. Dress in exercise apparel
or comfortable clothing.

AMAZING ANIMALS

R Let's Make a Stink About Skunks!, Family

Tues, April 5, 2 pm, EAS

Through hands-on activities, stories,
science experiments, and a visit by a
live skunk, kids will discover fun facts
about this misunderstood animal.
Registration required.


T Avian Wonders, Family

Tues, April 5, 2 pm, WSQ

Denise Heath's colorful parrots and fine
feathered friends will entertain, educate,
and amaze. Meet Leo, Ruby and other
members of her avian gang. Space
limited. Ticket required.

R Reading with Tucker, Family

Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,
4-5:30 pm, WSQ

April 7, 14, 21, 28, 4-5:30 pm, OSH 
Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25,
4-5:30 pm, POW

Enjoy a "pawsitive" reading experience.
Read to Tucker, the very friendly Golden
Retriever. Registration required. Call
location to register.



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events Kids

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R Party in the Park, Birth-5

Wed, June 1, 10 am, Bronson Park

Calling all child care providers, teachers, and parents! You and your preschool children will enjoy this very special story hour featuring:

- A book for each child
- Costumed characters
- Lots of wonderful stories
- Healthy snacks and juice

This is a **FREE** event. Please **R.S.V.P.** to 553-7885 by **May 27th**. Bring a blanket to sit on. Portable toilets will be available at the park. Weather cancellations may apply.

M Maker Program

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

T Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

ARTS & CRAFTS

St. Patrick's Day

Crafternoon, Ages 6-11

Tues, March 15, 4:30 pm, WSQ

Thurs, March 17, 4 pm, CEN

Create your own lucky charm at the make and take craft table.

R Eggnificent

Creation, Ages 6-11

Tues, March 22, 4:30, WSQ

Wed, March 23, 4:30 pm, POW

Thurs, March 24, 4:30 pm, EAS

Sat, March 26, 10:30 am,

OSH & 2 pm, CEN

Decorate your very own holiday egg with color, glitter, jewels, and more. Eggs and decorations will be provided. Registration required.

Art Exploration: Romare Bearden,



Ages 6-11

Tues, April 5, 1 pm, CEN

Explore the art of Romare Bearden, then create your own one-of-a-kind collage using recycled materials.

R Celebrate Earth Day

Crafternoon Ages 6-11

Wed, April 20, 4:30 pm, POW

Thurs, April 21, 4 pm, EAS

Fri, April 22, 4 pm, CEN

Discover the Great Lakes ecosystem and craft your own 3-D lake habitat. Registration required.

Cinco de Mayo

Crafternoon, Ages 6-11

Thurs, May 5, 4 pm, CEN

Create your own musical Cinco de Mayo instrument and play along to the music.

Art Exploration:

Georgia O'Keeffe, Ages 6-11

Thurs, May 19, 4 pm, CEN

Explore the art of Georgia O'Keeffe, then create your own botanical artwork.



STAY & PLAY

Toddler Talk, Ages 1-3

Wednesdays, 10:15 am, OSH

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

April 6, 13, 20, 27

May 4, 11, 18, 25



Toddlers play while adults share the joys and challenges of parenting 1-3 year-olds with a parent educator/facilitator.

Baby Talk, Up to Age 1 Year

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm, OSH

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

April 6, 13, 20, 27

May 4, 11, 18, 25



Talk about the care of babies up to one year of age with other parents. Carolyn Call, RN, facilitator.

FAMILY PLACE WORKSHOPS

R 1,2,3 Play with Me:

A Parent/Child

Workshop, Ages 1-3

Mondays, April 11, 18, 25,

May 2, 9, 10:30 am, OSH

Wednesdays, April 27,

May 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 am, CEN

Spend time together, play, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable 5-week workshop. For children 1 to 3 years and their parents and caregivers. Registration required. Infant and preschool siblings may attend with a registered toddler.



STORYTIMES

Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers. Siblings may attend as guests.

Preschool Storytime, Ages 3-5

**Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 29,
10:30 am, CEN**

Stories, songs, and activities for 3-5 year-olds and their caregivers.

Family Storytime, Family

Stories, activities and special guests designed for birth-5 and their families.

Thursdays, 10:30 am, OSH & EAS

March 3, 10, 17, 24*, 31 (*EAS only)

April 7*, 14*, 21, 28 (*OSH only) 

May 5, 12, 19, 26

Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN & POW

March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1, 8*, 15*, 22, 29 (*CEN only) 

May 6, 13, 20, 27* (*CEN only)



Toddler Storytime,

Ages 2-3

Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19, 10:30 am, CEN

Songs, movement, and stories.

Baby Lapsit, Birth – Pre-walkers

**Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,
9:30 am, CEN**

Songs, bounces, and rhymes for babies from birth to walking with their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Baby Steps, Walkers – 24 Months

**Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,
10:30 am, CEN**

Rhymes, songs, and books for little ones from walking to 24 months and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

& MORE

First Saturday @KPL, Family

March 5, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

April 2, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

May 7, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

Take your family to the library the first Saturday of each month! Get your library card or pick out some books to check out. Enjoy stories, activities, special guests, and door prizes. Something different each month!

First Saturday is a partnership program for KPL and Kalamazoo Public Schools. Each monthly event is co-hosted with an organization serving children and families in Kalamazoo.

Bubbleman, Family

Mon, April 4, 2 pm and 3 pm, OSH

Ron Loyd, the Bubbleman, returns to delight and amaze us with bubble tricks and demonstrations! Space limited. FREE ticket required.

Movie Matinee:

Winnie the Pooh, Family

Mon, April 4, 2 pm, CEN

Winnie the Pooh and Christopher Robin experience many adventures in this timeless Disney classic. Seating limited, registration required. MPAA rating G.

Carnival Extravaganza,

Family

Tues, April 5, 5:30-7:30 pm, POW

You are invited! Come one, come all, step right in, and have a ball! Join us for festive fun with games, activities, bounce house, face painting, Fresh Food Fairy, and light snacks and refreshments. Guaranteed fun for the entire family!

Around the World in 60 Minutes, Ages 6-11

Fri, April 8, 2 pm, CEN

Hands-on activities using maps of the world, the U.S., and Michigan to travel to places near and far with local geography experts, Carol and Phil.

Money Smart

Kids Save!, Ages 6-11

Mon, April 25, 4:30 pm, POW

**Tues, April 26, 4 pm, CEN
& 4:30 pm, EAS**

**Wed, April 27, 4:30 pm,
OSH & 6 pm, WSQ**

Decorate your very own piggy bank and learn great ways to save. All materials will be provided. Registration required.

Money Smart

Kids Read!, Ages 3-5

Tues, April 26, 11 am, CEN

Fri, April 29, 10:30 am, OSH

Join us for a very special celebration of Money Smart Kids Read week. We'll be reading Rosemary Wells' *Bunny Money*. Receive your very own copy to take home. Registration required.

Magic in May, Ages 6-11

Sat, May 28, 1 pm, CEN

Calling all young, budding magicians! Attend this FREE Magic Workshop and learn some astonishing tricks, stunts and illusions to amaze your friends. Presented by Michigan Magician, Jeff Wawrzasek. All materials will be provided. Registration required.





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I want everyone to know about our services, not just those who happen to hear about them from me or another staff member. Here are just a few, with much more information about these services and others on our website:

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Reading to children is the best way to prepare them for kindergarten. The goal is to share 1,000 books during these early childhood years. This sounds like a lot, but a few books at a time beginning at birth will reach that goal.

Summer Reading Challenge

Summer reading started decades ago to keep school-age children reading over the summer break. It now includes fun programs to keep kids learning over the summer and includes all ages – preschoolers to seniors.

Book Club in a Bag

We loan ten copies of the same book in one easy-to-carry bag along with a reading guide for use by book clubs.

MeLCat

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eBooks

Yes, you can check out adult, children, and teen eBooks through the KPL website for a wide variety of devices. Popular titles might need to be put on hold, just like a print book. Directions are on our website or ask staff.

Other digital services

Not just eBooks...we also offer eAudiobooks; music, with millions of songs available; movies; and eMagazines.

The Hub

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